In response to the second comment below on moving through the electronic directives that show up in the Human Resources Message box on my.NRCS, there is a way.

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MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

Improve work organization, operating procedures and techniques

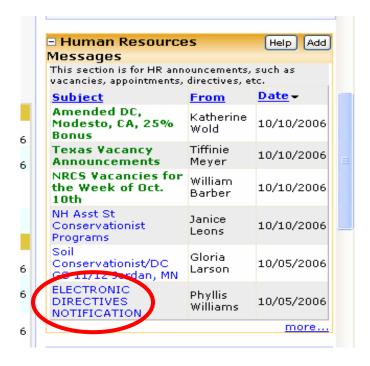
COMMENT: Electronic Directives - return to a hard copy in each office.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: We will continue to provide electronic directives only. Offices are welcome to print a hard copy if needed.

<u>COMMENT</u>: Electronic Directives System is still cumbersome. After reading a portion of a directive, the user is kicked back to square one. To get the next bulletin you have to start back through the my.NRCS website.

RESPONSE: I have sent a message to the technical team at my.NRCS to inquire as to why this is happening to the employee and determine if there is a solution. I have canvassed the State office and no one has had this problem. The Electronic Directives system (eDir) has a number of known performance issues and will be replaced by a new version later this year. A suggestion for the meantime, try navigating to the eDir site directly (not thru my.NRCS). To do this, open a new Internet Explorer browser window and enter http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/ in the address line.

Specific questions about eDir should be directed to eDir support at edir@ftc.usda.gov.

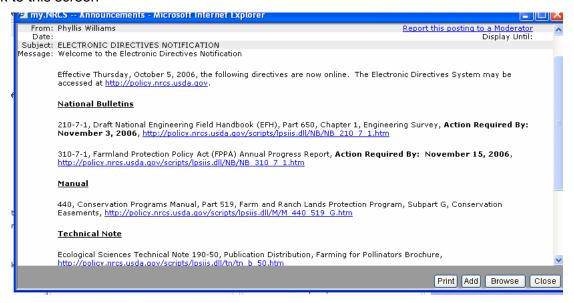


You can toggle back to the previous directives menu screen from the announcement or bulletin screen by using ALT and the back arrow key.

So, to go from this screen -



Back to this screen



Press the Alt button plus the back arrow key and you will be moved.